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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 22, 2021

Lee D. Hoffman
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1347A** - GRE GACRUX LLC declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 16.78- megawatt AC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 117 Oil Mill Road and associated electrical interconnection to Eversource Energy's existing substation at 325 Waterford Parkway North in Waterford, Connecticut. Reopening of this petition based on changed conditions pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-181a(b).

Dear Attorney Hoffman:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than March 8, 2021. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available. At this time, consistent with the Council's policy to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, please submit an electronic copy only to siting.council@ct.gov. However, please be advised that the Council may later request one or more hard copies for records retention purposes.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

c: Service List

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**Petition No. 1347A
GRE GACRUX LLC
Waterford**

**D&M Plan Interrogatories
February 22, 2021**

1. Has the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Stormwater Program specified a time frame for the Project relating to Pre-Construction Sequence Work, Growing Season and Site Stabilization and Construction Sequence work? If so, what submitted documents contain this information?
2. The Pre-Construction Sequence Schedule Narrative indicates that Pre-Construction Sequence Work would be completed in June 2021, followed by stabilization through a growing season, with remobilization for Construction Sequence Work in September 2021. Site Plan 5.0 contains reference to Construction Sequence Work beginning in 2022. Please clarify when Construction Sequence Work will commence. The growing season described in the narrative appears to be limited to the summer rather than a longer period of time as established in the Council's Decision and Order Condition 5. Please clarify.
3. Site Plan 5.0 contains reference to work beginning in 2020 with completion in 2021. Please revise.
4. Site Plan 5.0 Pre-Construction Sequence Work Note 15 references a single growing season. Please revise in accordance with the Council's Decision and Order Condition 5 and/or any DEEP Stormwater Permit stipulation.
5. The Limits of Work shown on the Site Plans is inclusive of the elevated logging crossing over Wetland 1. What work will be occurring at the elevated crossing? If no work is proposed, how will construction traffic be prohibited from using the crossing?
6. Site Plan 5.0 Construction Sequence Work Note 3 states regraded areas will be hydroseeded, followed by Note 4 which specifies pile driving. There is no information regarding the stabilization of hydroseeded areas prior to commencement of pile driving. Please revise.
7. The Pre-Construction Sequence Schedule Narrative and the Pre-Construction Sequence Work on the Site Plan 5.0 and on Stormwater Pollution Control Plan p. 7 appear to contain differing information regarding site grubbing and the establishment of sediment basins. Would grubbing occur before or after the establishment of sediment basins and traps?
8. The Site Plans specify numerous infiltration basins. How will these basins be isolated from the work areas to ensure sediment or compaction from construction related activities does not impact the filter media?

9. The Site Plans depict numerous temporary sediment traps but outlet structures are not shown. Revise the plans to show the outlet structures. Would stormwater outflow from the temporary sediment basins be diverted away from the infiltration basins?
10. Are swales proposed to direct flows into the temporary sediment traps that are located upgradient of the infiltration stormwater basins? If so, revise the plans to show swale locations. If not, can stormwater flows partially bypass the traps and contaminate the infiltration basins?
11. Has GRE consulted with Eversource regarding the construction of a facility access road across the existing transmission line right-of-way? If so, what specific Eversource recommendations or requirements are necessary to cross the right-of-way?
12. Would tree clearing be required to establish the laydown area? If so, include clearing limits on the site plans.